

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1222
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Gonzales, 2004
Co-Valedictorian of Zion Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Gonzales is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Zion Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Gonzales has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Bethany Gonzales has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, lending her support and leadership to numerous organizations, Miss Gonzales is a member of several extracurricular and community activities, including serving as a member of National Honor Society and Co-Captain of the Varsity Basketball and Varsity Soccer teams; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an aptitude for leadership, Bethany has served as class Chaplain, class Vice President, and prom committee member; and

WHEREAS, Bethany's accomplishments and promise have been evident during her high school tenure, and she has received numerous local, regional, and national awards, including Spanish Competition at C.S.C.C., Third Place in the Small Schools Math Competition, Principal's List, Spanish I and II Excellence Awards, American Auxiliary essay contest winner, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Bethany has volunteered for the Home Missions Project, Hope House, Men's Rescue Mission, See You at the Pole Day, Church Drama Group "Obsession," and the "Just Listen" teen mentor program; and

WHEREAS, she has skillfully served her peers and her community as a math tutor and babysitter for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gonzales' display of intellectual aptitude, public service, and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gonzales' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Gonzales' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Zion Christian Academy Co-Valedictorian, Bethany Gonzales, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.